

City of Fayetteville
Mayor and City Council Called Meeting
Minutes
July 10, 2014

Call to Order

The Mayor and City Council of Fayetteville met in regular session on July 10, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Mayor Clifton called the meeting to order, and led those attending in prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Council members present were: Edward Johnson, Paul Oddo, Scott Stacy and James Williams. Councilmember Mickey Edwards was absent due to illness. Staff members present were City Manager Joe Morton and City Clerk Anne Barksdale.

Additional Staff members present were: Directors of Finance & Administration, Lynn Robinson and Ellen Walls; Director of Public Services, Chris Hindman; Water & Sewer Operations Manager, Doug Gonsalves; Director of Community Development, Brian Wismer; Fire Chief, Alan Jones; Police Chief, Scott Pitts

Public Hearings:

Discuss FY 2015 Budget –

Alan Jones, Fire Chief discussed Automatic Aid agreement between Fayette County and City of Fayetteville. Council agreed to draft formal letter/notification to County stating concerns of the termination agreement

Chief Jones also discussed acquiring a temporary lease for standing up Station 93 in the Pinewood area as a temporary site. Council agreed to go ahead with lease agreement for this site.

Brian Wismer, Director of Community Development discussed three-year extension of IGA for permitting & inspections in the West Fayetteville area. Council agreed to not go with the three-year extension and handle inspections in-house.

Ellen Walls, Director of Finance & Administration discussed amendment to Chapter 86, Stormwater Fees, which would be an increase in stormwater fees using GEFA loan. Council agreed to go ahead with this action.

City Manager Joe Morton and Directors of Finance & Administrative Services, Lynn Robinson and Ellen Walls discussed Projected FY 2015 Budget & Five Year Forecast, focusing on millage rate increase, employee raises, and hiring additional staff.

They also asked for direction from Council about the proposed budget. Councilmembers Paul Oddo, Jim Williams were against a tax increase asking for other ways to cut the budget. Councilmember Scott Stacy was undecided, but leaning towards no tax increase, Councilmember Ed Johnson said he agreed with the proposed budget which included an increase in taxes as did Mayor Clifton.

All agreed with hiring more staff but some were undecided on how best to do that with the budget. Most were in favor of the 2.4% salary increase.

Oddo moved to adjourn the meeting. Stacy seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Barksdale, City Clerk